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SUBJECT: CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC MEETING IN MALTA

REF: A) VALLETTA 0634, B) VALLETTA 0645

1. SUMMARY: A PARTICIPANT IN THE MALTA MEETING OF
THE UNION OF CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTIES, CDU FOREIGN
RELATIONS OFFICE CHIEF BOEX, TOLD AN EMBASSY OFFICER
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APRIL 5 THAT THERE HAD BEEN AGREEMENT ON THE NECESSITY FOR WESTERN EUROPE TO MAKE ECONOMIC SACRIFICES IN ORDER TO KEEP THE US IN EUROPE FOR SECURITY PURPOSES. END SUMMARY.

2. BOEX SAID THAT TAKING PART IN THE MARCH MEETING IN MALTA WERE THE ITALIANS, DUTCH, FRENCH, GERMANS, SWISS, MALTESE, AND SPANIARDS. THE TOPIC OF THE MEETING WAS EUROPEAN RELATIONS WITH THE US. IN THE DISCUSSIONS, EUROPE WAS DEFINED AS "FREE EUROPE" INCLUDING AUSTRIA AND SWITZERLAND. THERE WERE TWO REPORTS: THE FIRST BY SCARASCIA MUGNOZZA AND THE SECOND BY DR. DIRNECKER, WHO GAVE THE OFFICIAL CDU POSITION. DURING THE DISCUSSIONS, IT WAS STATED THAT AMERICA HAD LOST THE VIETNAMESE WAR, BUT THAT EUROPE HAD ALSO LOST THIS WAR. THERE WAS AGREEMENT THAT IT HAD BEEN A GREAT MISTAKE NOT TO HAVE SUPPORTED THE US, AT LEAST MORALLY.

3. IN DISCUSSING US- EUROPEAN ECONOMIC QUESTIONS, THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT EUROPE MUST COME TO AN ARRANGEMENT WITH THE US. EUROPE WOULD HAVE TO MAKE SACRIFICES ESPECIALLY IN THE AGRICULTURAL AREA BECAUSE

EUROPE NEEDS THE PHYSICAL SECURITY WHICH THE US PROVIDES. WITHOUT A SECURITY GUARANTEE FROM THE US, THERE COULD BE NO DETENTE. THEREFORE, THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE A PERMANENT, INSTITUTIONALIZED DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE US, THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES, AND NATO. THE AUSTRIANS STATED THAT WESTERN EUROPEAN SECURITY DEPENDS ON NATO AND THAT THERE WAS NO OTHER WAY TO ASSURE AUSTRIAN NEUTRALITY. HOWEVER, AUSTRIA WAS NOT NEUTRAL IN ITS ATTITUDES. THE MEETING DECIDED TO ESTABLISH AN EAST- WEST COMMISSION (IN WHICH BOEX IS A MEMBER) TO REPORT ON DEVELOPMENTS AS THEY OCCUR AND FORMULATE POSITIONS TO BE TAKEN BY ALL WESTERN EUROPEAN DEMOCRATIC PARTIES.

4. BOEX SAID THAT COOPERATION BETWEEN THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTIES IS GROWING EVER CLOSER. MARINO RUMOR WILL LEAVE THE PRESIDENCY IN NOVEMBER WHEN BUNDESTAG VICE- PRESIDENT KAI UWE VON HASSEL WILL BE ELECTED AS RUMORS SUCCESSOR. AT THAT TIME, THE EUROPEAN CHRISTIAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DEMOCRATS WILL MEET IN BONN. THEY WILL INVITE THE

EUROPEAN CONSERVATIVE MOVEMENT TO COME TO THE BONN MEETING. THE OBJECT IS TO FORM A GRAND COALITION OF CONSERVATIVE AND CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTIES IN EUROPE. THEY WILL DISCUSS THIS WITH THE CONSERVATIVES AT A MEETING WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE IN LUXEMBOURG ON MAY 19-20. SPEAKERS AT THE LUXEMBOURG MEETING WILL BE JOHN DAVIES OF THE UK, LUXEMBOURG PRIME MINISTER PIERRE WERNER, AND CSU VICE- CHAIRMAN FRANZ HEUBL. TOPICS WILL BE THE FUTURE OF THE COMMON MARKET OF THE NINE AND WHETHER GREATER INTEGRATION IS IN THE OFFING, THE EUROPEAN MONETARY COMMUNITY, AND WHETHER THE WESTERN EUROPEAN POLITICAL TREND IS TO THE LEFT.

5. THE EUROPEAN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO INCREASED SPANISH PARTICIPATION IN WESTERN EUROPE WHICH WILL FOLLOW UPON FRANCO' S RETIREMENT. THE SPANISH CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS HAVE REPORTEDLY RECEIVED PERMISSION TO COOPERATE INTERNATIONALLY WITH OTHER CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC GROUPS.

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